

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to a beam optical component including a charged particle lens ~~(1; 1000)~~ for focusing a charged particle beam ~~(3)~~, the charged particle lens ~~(1; 1000)~~ comprising a first element ~~(5; 1005)~~ having a first opening ~~(7)~~ for focusing the charged particle beam ~~(3)~~; a second element ~~(9; 1009)~~ having a second opening ~~(11)~~ for focusing the charged particle beam ~~(3)~~; and first driving means ~~(13)~~ connected with at least one of the first element ~~(5; 1005)~~ and the second element ~~(9; 1009)~~ for aligning the first opening ~~(7)~~ with respect to the second opening ~~(11)~~. With the first driving means, the first opening ~~(7)~~ and the second opening ~~(11)~~ can be aligned with respect to each other during beam operation to provide a superior alignment of the beam optical component for a better beam focusing ~~focussing~~. The present invention also relates to a charged particle beam device that uses said beam optical component for focusing ~~focussing~~ the charged particle beam ~~(3)~~, and a method to align first opening ~~(7)~~ and second opening ~~(11)~~ with respect to each other.